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Christopher Barker to replace Donna Skoda as Health Commissioner of Summit County Public Health upon her retirement

[Akron, OH] –Summit County Public Health (SCPH) is pleased to announce that Christopher Barker, MPH, has been selected to replace Donna Skoda upon her retirement at the end of the 2024. The Board of Health voted to appoint Christopher at the Board of Health Meeting on July 11, 2024.

Christopher, began his career at SCPH in 2009 as an Emergency Preparedness Planner. He earned his Master of Public Health degree from Kent State University in 2016. Christopher most recently held the position Director of Preparedness and Compliance at SCPH. “I am honored to be named the next Health Commissioner of Summit County Public Health and as I assume my new position at the end of the year, I look forward to working to maintain SCPH’s reputation as a progressive health department, an innovative and freethinking organization, and an agency Summit County residents, our community partners and SCPH employee’s respect. As we bid Donna a well-earned and happy retirement, rest assured SCPH will build upon our strong foundation, and uphold our commitments to delivering exceptional public health services to the residents of Summit County.”

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